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Group Art Unit: 1742  
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2. Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR §1.97(b);
3. Information Disclosure Statement by Applicant (Form PTP/SB/08A & B – 6 Sheets);
4. Copies of foreign patent and non-patent references cited by Applicant; and,
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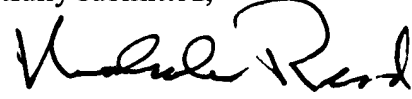
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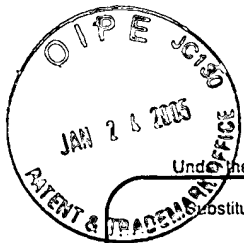
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